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NEW POLICY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a new policy for renewable energy in order to boost the production of power to 10% from NCES in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether under the new policy the Government are likely to make it mandatory for all power producers to generate at least 10 percent power from renewable energy sources out of the total power generated by them; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard with other salient features of the new policy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has prepared a draft Renewable Energy Policy Statement. The objective of the Policy Statement is to enhance the contribution of renewables, namely, solar, wind biomass and small hydro for meeting minimum rural energy needs; providing decentralised/ off grid supply for agriculture, industry, commercial and household sectors in rural and urban areas; and, grid quality power generation and supply. A target of 10,000 MW of renewable power generation is envisaged for the year 2012. States could consider prescribing for all power projects, including private sector projects, a minimum quantity of electricity to be generated from renewable energy sources.

The draft of the Policy Statement has been submitted by the Ministry for further approvals.